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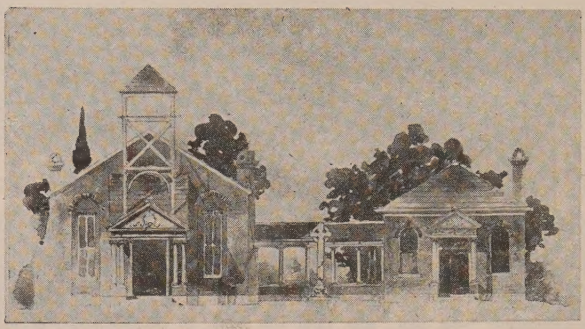

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Dedication of the New Church

of the Wartburg Orphan Farm School

By Rev. F. B. Clausen

SUNDAY, July 3, was a memorable day in the history of the Wartburg Orphan Farm School at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., as it witnessed the consecration of the new and beautiful church. That this event was of more than local interest was evidenced by the hundreds that flocked to the grounds from all parts of Greater New York, Jersey

City, and Philadelphia. Amid the pealing of the bells and the strains of music, furnished by the Wartburg Band, a long procession, composed of the orphans, the Board of Trustees, visiting clergymen and friends, with the Director and Dr. G. F. Krotel at the head wended its way from the school house to the church. A brief service was held before the unlocked doors, after which the keys were passed to the President of the Board, the Hon. Jacob F. Miller, and from him to the Director, Dr. Berkemeier. The doors then swung open to admit a congregation which overtaxed the seating and standing capacity of the Church. The late Dr. E. F. Moldenke was to have preached the German sermon. But God had deemed it otherwise. Dr. Krotel therefore preached the dedicatory sermon on Luke 2: 49. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He referred in his introduction to the mixed feelings of joy and sorrow that throbbed in the breasts of all—joy at the completion of the new church, sorrow because of the many friends of the Home whom death had claimed in the recent Slocum disaster. He paid an eloquent tribute to the lamented Dr. Moldenke, speaking in the German tongue. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier then announced that the building was free of debt, and that all that was needed was money for furniture and fixtures. A list of the various gifts and the donors was then read.

In the afternoon a memorial service "to honor the dead, to comfort the bereaved and for the salutary awakening of us all," was

held, Rev. D. V. Petersen of Middle Village, L. I., discoursed on I Pet. 5: 6-11. The Revs. H. Schoppe, W. Jeutsch, F. B. Clausen, J. A. Weyl, F. Eickman and W. Olsen assisted at the service. Impressive music of a high order was rendered by the choir of Zion's Church, Brooklyn, Rev. E. J. Kraeling, pastor.

The church is an exact reproduction of the ancient *Basilica*, perfect in every detail. To many the name and that for which it stands may be new, therefore a detailed description of the church, to illustrate this now somewhat obsolete style of church-architecture, may not be amiss. Strict, almost stern simplicity, a marked absence of any ostentatious ornamentation, is the impression to be had from the plain, unrelieved brick walls on the exterior. The seemingly detached tower, arising to the side, is not quite correct, historically, for the earlier Basilicas had no towers, nor bells. When, in the seventh century bells came into vogue in the Christian cult, towers, so-called Campanillas, were erected, isolated from the church building. Only in later years a way was found to connect the tower more closely with the church. They were then built at the rear. The tower of this church is a happy compromise between historicity and adaptability.

Disappointment because of the plain exterior gives way to genuine delight at the stateliness and beauty displayed within. This is characteristic of the Basilica; plain without, grand and magnificent within, in marked contrast to the heathen temples, so grand and imposing without but dark and dismal within. In the vestibule, to the right, is the Baptistry, to signify how through baptism men are received and admitted into the church with all its blessings and privileges. The slightly sloping roof is supported by a double row of massive pillars, joined together by successive arches. These pillars separate the nave from the two side aisles, whose slanting roofs lean lightly against the overtowering walls of the nave. Along the stately pillars and graceful arches the delighted eye travels to the apses or altar niche overtopped by the arch triumphant. Here, upon raised platform, stands the altar, the holy of holies, with candelabra and crucifix. On either side, lower down, stand pulpit and lectern.

In the instructive pamphlet which Dr. Berkemeier issued on the occasion of this dedication, he argues strongly and convincingly in favor of the Basilicas, the most appropriate style of architecture for the Evangelical Church. The Basilica has an abundance of light; the acoustics are perfect, a whisper being audible in any part of the church, and no other church can be constructed so cheaply and yet so beautifully and churchly. In the Basilica, pulpit and altar occupy positions symbolical of the importance placed on the word of God. Thus in the Roman church the pulpit is hid beside or behind a massive pillar. The opposite extreme is met in Reformed and many Lutheran churches, where the pulpit towers above the altar, the holy of holies. In the Basilica, however, the pulpit is built on a platform somewhat lower than the altar, yet so placed that all can see and hear. All who were fortunate enough to see this new church at the Wartburg will heartily agree with Dr. Berkemeier that this style of church-architecture combines in its appearance deep earnestness and bright cheerfulness, worthiness and simplicity, inspiring service and pleasant restfulness.

Invitation from Buffalo

By this time the League delegates and their friends have made all preparation for the great convention. Their thoughts are upon the convention, and it may seem late to invite them to come to the city whither their feet are already turned. But there may be some young people of our Churches who will be undecided up to the last moment. To all such we would say—Come and Welcome! The success of this convention may be connected with your attendance. Our committees are all appointed, and find their hands well filled with work. There is a growing interest in the event as it draws nearer. But the success rests not merely with our Buffalo Lutherans, nor with our national officers and committees, but with all Lutherans.

The attractions of Buffalo have all been graphically described in THE REVIEW, and the instructions for delegates and visitors have been given. We regard it as one of the greatest events in our city and are expecting great things from it. Now, the next thing is to come and be prepared to do your part to make this one of the star conventions of our city. Buffalo is a convention city. We wish to impress Buffalo with our Church, our League, our Lutheranism. It is an opportunity to let the Lutheran light shine before men. The best is none too good. We have a glorious heritage and a grand mission as a Church. In all humility, and yet with all confidence, let our city realize it. To this end there is one thing more that is first and always needed, and that is prayer for God's guidance, favor and blessing. This is not a mere formal request, but an earnest appeal. Whilst we write you, let us all earnestly supplicate God. A convention such as this means an immense expenditure of money, time and energy! Oh, may it not be in vain, but for the glory of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom!

T. W. KRETSCHMANN.

Luther League of America

Sixth Buffalo Convention Aug. 16, 17, 18.

THE programme of the sixth convention of the Luther League of America, as outlined in an early number, has met with hearty approval from all quarters. There is every evidence of a live interest in the papers, addresses and discussions. We hope it will be profitable to all.

Nothing further can be added to the details given in full in the July issue, excepting possibly to add that the Local Committee have arranged to hold the closing rally of the convention in the large Convention Hall instead of the Teck Music Hall.

Headquarters

Leaguers are reminded that the new Lafayette Hotel, corner of Washington and Clinton streets, has been selected as convention headquarters and all delegates and visitors are asked to go direct, immediately after their arrival, irrespective of their stopping places, to the Lafayette Hotel to register.

Special Railroad Arrangements

Mr. T. Clem Beck, of the Transportation Committtee, who is in charge of the arrangements for traveling to Buffalo from New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern points, has issued a detailed circular with full particulars in which he gives the following information, which is of importance to all who are going to Buffalo from the East.

The Committee has arranged for a Special Luther League Train, from the East, over the popular and scenic Lehigh Valley Railroad, which can be had only by urging your neighbors and friends and others to join the party.

The trip will be made from New York to Buffalo by daylight, and all necessary accommodations will be provided, including dining car.

The special train will leave the following points, August 15, 1904, at the time noted below, although we would suggest that consultation be had with the railroad agents along the line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, or any of the City Passenger Agents in the Eastern section, where more definite information can be obtained as regards the exact time when the train will leave New York and other stations, as indicated below:

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New York, West 23d Street	7.40	"
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Newark	8.17	"
Easton	9.55	"
Washington, via B. & O. R. R.	3.00	"
Washington, via Pennsylvania R. R.	12.30	"
Baltimore, via B. & O. R. R.	3.51	"
Baltimore, via Pennsylvania R. R.	1.48	"
Philadelphia	8.30	"
Bethlehem	10.20	"
Allentown	10.29	"
Harrisburg	8.00	"
Reading	9.25	"
Mauch Chunk	11.25	"
Mt. Carmel	7.15	"
Shenandoah	7.46	"
Mahanoy City	7.59	"
Pottsville, P. R. R.	5.50	"
Hazleton	8.42	"
White Haven	12.00	Noon
Scranton	12.00	"
Wilkes-Barre	1.07	p. m.
Towanda	3.02	"
Sayre	3.40	"
Geneva	5.13	"
Rochester	5.30	"
Due at Buffalo	7.45	"

The rate for this occasion will be one and one-third fare for the round trip plus 25 cents for the certificate, and will be subject to the rulings set forth above, the return limit for the Eastern section being August 22nd.

Those who desire to visit the World's Fair can purchase a regular 15 or 60 day ticket. These tickets permit a stop over of 10 days at Niagara Falls within limit of ticket. During this time the holder can by a pleasant trip on trolley or otherwise attend the Luther League meeting.

All tickets will be honored on this train, whether clerical or otherwise.

Delegates from the South can make close connections at Washington, Baltimore, or Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Reading with trains connecting with the special train.

Another feature from many points is that the delegates may secure for a slightly higher rate, a World's Fair ticket, via Niagara Falls, returning by the lower routes, which will enable all to secure the trip on the special train and return via the other routes. This is offered as a further inducement to enlarge the attendance.

If the delegation for Buffalo will warrant little trouble will be had in securing reduced rates hereafter, and the more people that travel on the special train, whether on Luther League or World's Fair tickets, will demonstrate to the proper authorities the scope of our organization and enable us to secure the result.

It now remains for the local committees to perfect all further arrangements, and in case of doubt, communicate with me, at 44 Sayre street, Elizabeth, N. J., and I will endeavor to give all information possible.

Yours fraternally,

T. CLEM. BECK,
Chairman, Eastern District.

Special for Western Delegates

Mr. M. C. Olson of the Central District has issued a circular for the Transportation Committee in parts as follows:

In order to enable Luther Leaguers who are now strangers to one another, to become acquainted, and to make the trip as pleasant as possible, we have concluded to make the Wabash Railroad the official route, and if a sufficient number of delegates and friends go from, or through, Chicago, we will procure a special car for the exclusive use of Leaguers.

As the time of the convention is near at hand, and in order to make the best possible arrangements with the railroad, I would consider it a special favor if you would kindly advise me not later than August 10th, how many delegates will join our party from your league.

Train leaves Polk street depot, Chicago, at 3 a.m. August 15th, arriving in Buffalo next morning at 7.40. Reclining chair car free.

The fare from Chicago to Buffalo is $12.00 one way, making it with the reduced rate $16.00 for the round trip.

If any other information is desired, please address at 67 Nebraska avenue.

M. C. OLSON,
Chairman, Central District.

Transportation Announcement

The passenger associations have granted round trip rates of fare and one-third, available only on the certificate plan.

Trunk Line—This covers the territory east of Buffalo and Pittsburg and north of Washington.

Central—This territory covers part of Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, part of Illinois.

Southeastern—This territory includes all the Southern States east of the Mississippi River and south of Washington.

Southwestern Excursion Bureau—This territory covers all points in Southern Missouri and Southeastern Kansas.

Western—This territory includes the States west and north of Chicago.

A fee of 25 cents additional to the fare will be collected for each certificate signed.

Further information concerning the names and territories of the above associations is to be found in the "Travelers' Official Railway Guide."

All special rates as announced will be available for delegates and visitors to the convention and members of their families accompanying them.

CERTIFICATES.

All delegates should purchase tickets through to Buffalo, securing from the local ticket agent a separate *certificate* with *each ticket*, showing that full fare has been paid, which entitles to a special fare returning, after having been properly indorsed at the convention.

Receipt for fare paid will not be accepted in lieu of certificate.

If a through ticket on certificate plan can not be procured at the starting point, the delegate should proceed to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and then purchase a ticket through to Buffalo, obtaining a standard certificate, properly filled out by the agent at the point where such purchase is made.

This certificate should be deposited immediately on arrival at Buffalo with Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary, who will have a desk in the church for that purpose.

The railroad agent will be in attendance at the convention on August 18, and all certificates must be signed by him and Rev. Kuhns on that day. No certificates will be honored that were issued to cover the sale of more than *one* single trip ticket.

No reduction in return fare can possibly be secured unless a certificate is presented at the convention for the agent's signature. The certificates are not transferable, and it has been necessary for the committee to guarantee that certificates will not be transferred, misused or offered for sale.

J. F. DINKEY,
Chairman Transportation Committee.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 17, 1904.

Please Remember

That the opening session of the convention will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Hickory, between Williams and Broadway.

That the business sessions will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Elmwood and Highland.

Luther League of South Dakota

Seventh Annual Convention, Brookings, May 24 26

By John S. Berdahl

THE seventh convention of the Luther League of South Dakota was held at Bookings on May 24-26. The session was opened after the invocation by Rev. C. K. Solberg. The session was spent in preliminary work.

After the usual opening services Mr. Olaf Eidem, on behalf of the entertaining League, bade the vistors and delegates welcome. In part, he said: "In all activity success is dependent on the perfect correspondence, the harmonious interworking of all the individuals concerned with each other. The Luther League seeks to give its members a moral and religious training, and to secure such harmonious co-operation in the work of the Church. Therefore, welcome."

To this the President, Rev. C. K. Solberg, responded, saying, in part: "The Luther League is clamoring for a welcome which has been denied it in many a Church, home and community. The mission of the Luther League is to preserve the confirmed youth true to the vows of their Lord and God, first; secondly, to preserve them for their beloved Church. It recognizes a responsibility as resting on the young people themselves. Hence, the convention keynote, 'Consecration and co-operation,' which denotes that Luther Leaguers must first be consecrated in heart, hand and faith to their God, then must live and act unitedly for the Lutheran Church."

Then followed the reports of the various officers and local Leagues. The President's report was largely statistical, the result of a systematic correspondence carried on throughout the State.

The reports from the local Leagues were particularly encouraging. Nearly all reported increased interest in the work and increased membership. Nearly all reported the successful use of the Luther League Topics and a growing interest in and demand for the devotional meeting.

After the transaction of business there was taken up the discussion of the convention keynote, Consecration and Co-operation. A paper, "The Power of Consecration," was read by Miss Rosa Schultz of Vermilion. The reading of the paper was followed by a spirited discussion, in which many of the good points brought out by the paper were enlarged upon and many new thoughts added.

The Tuesday evening session was opened by Rev. Stubkjaer. The discussion at this session was on the subject, "Co-operation of the Pastor and League," on which subject Mr. Lewis Larson of Sioux Falls read a paper.

A half hour on Wednesday morning was spent by the convention in a prayer session. The two papers, "Source of Consecration" and "Means of Consecration," having failed to arrive, the subjects were united and the discussion taken up at this time. Rev. Solem introduced the topic as follows: "If we are consecrated we can do great things, but without consecration nothing. Then the question arises, How are we to become consecrated? The answer is, Pray for this consecrating power. The source is God. He pours out upon us His spirit and consecrating power. As a plant must be quickened by the rays of the sun, so we must be quickened by the rays from God. But when we are so quickened we are no longer our own, but we belong to God and our consecrated power is His. By personal effort we cannot become consecrated —a mistake that is often made. The 'source' and 'means' lie wholly within the means of grace."

After some time spent in the discussion of this topic the business of the convention was taken up. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. C. K. Solberg, Vermilion; vice-pres., Miss Ida B. Iverson, Brookings; rec. sec., Miss Marie Bye, Yankton; treas., Mr. John E. Anderson, Dell Rapids. Invitations were extended by the Leagues at Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Howard to the State League to hold its eighth annual convention at those places.

At the Wednesday afternoon session the discussion of "Means and Source of Consecration" was continued, after which Rev. L. Masted of Molan read a paper on "Co-operation Between Congregation and League." He said, in part: "The League must remember why it exists. It is not to take the place of the Church. The League is in its proper place and works successfully when the fruit of its work is an increased church attendance. The congregation should encourage the League, should let it feel that it is a welcome organization in the Church. Attendance of the older people at the meetings of the League is an encouragement. The Church whose young people work in harmony with it in spreading the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ becomes a strong Church, strong in its power against the devil and strong in its influence in the community. The Lord can bless unity; but where there is enmity the devil has taken the Lord's place."

The Wednesday evening service was designated as the rally meeting of the convention, and the church was packed to the entrance. Mr. Trygstad conducted the opening devo-

tion. The feature of this meeting—as it was the feature of the whole convention—was the address by Rev. C. O. Solberg of Chicago on "The National Movement Among Our Young People." The speaker traced the origin and development of the Luther League movement, the prejudices it had encountered, the obstacles met, and how each had proven a means of guidance. Slow as the movement has been, it develops toward an enthusiasm wisely directed.

The speaker emphasized the progress made in establishing a badge, a convention system, a literature and a news organ, THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

On Thursday morning the members of the convention assembled for a fifteen-minute prayer session before the regular opening of the session. At this session was completed the business of the convention. The invitation of the League at Howard to hold the next annual convention at that place was accepted, and Miss Carrie Hegdahl, a member of that League, was elected corresponding secretary.

Rev. C. K. Solberg was elected delegate to the national convention at Buffalo, with Mrs. Thomas Wangsness of Garretson as alternate.

Thursday Afternoon.—There was no regular session this afternoon, but some time was spent in visiting, after which the visitors were tendered a reception by the local League at the home of Mrs. Simon Johnson. A delightful time was spent, old acquaintances were renewed and new acquaintances formed.

All too soon did it seem the closing session of the convention arrived on Thursday evening. A paper on "Co-operation Between Local Leagues and Young People's Societies" was read by Rev. C. K. Solberg. The paper gave statistics of the strength of the Lutheran Church. After a short discussion of the paper the session was given up to closing and farewell remarks. The programme was interspersed by music, both instrumental and vocal, furnished by local talent. The singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn, a prayer, and the pronouncing of the benediction closed the seventh annual convention of the Luther League of South Dakota.

Throughout its sessions, although the weather was unfavorable, the meetings were well attended. Too much praise cannot be given the local League for the thorough preparations and for the splendid entertainment provided.

What a beautiful spirit is that of contentment in the blessings we so richly enjoy.

Have you a specially helpful text? If so, what is it?

The General Secretary in Iowa

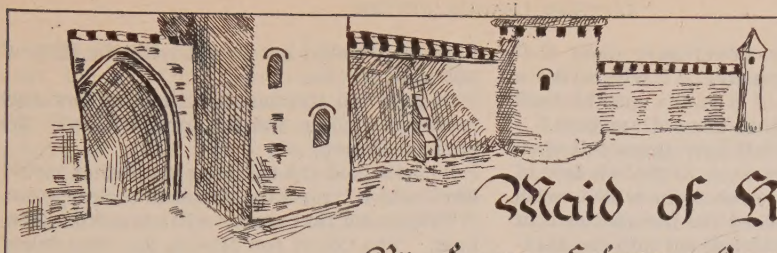
By the organization of the Luther League of the State of Iowa, the Luther League of America gains an important auxiliary. According to the State census of 1895, Iowa has a Lutheran population of five hundred thousand, of whom half are credited as members of the Church. Representatives of five different Synods within the borders of this Lutheran State assembled in the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, on July 20 and 21, to organize a State Luther League. All the sessions of the convention were well attended.

The committee authorized to call this convention were Revs. W. H. Blancke and O. Shefveland, and Prof. O. O. Stageberg. Great credit is due them for no small part of the success of the convention. Rev. J. T. Bursett, pastor of the United Norwegian Church, where the opening session and business sessions of the convention were held, and Rev. C. S. Renius, pastor of the Swedish Augustana Church, where the rally was held, did everything possible for the comfort of the delegates and the success of the convention. Among the topics on the programme arranged by the committee, mention may be made of the following: "The Advantages of a State Luther League," "The Devotional Element of the Luther League," "The Critical Transition Period," and "The Young Woman in the Luther League." All these were well presented.

The rally meeting in the Swedish Augustana Church tested its capacity to the utmost. Hon. Ole O. Roe delivered a carefully prepared and thoughtful address on "The Lutheran Church and the Republic." The General Secretary made the closing address of the convention. After the meeting refreshments were served, and the delegates spent a social hour together. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Rev. W. H. Blancke; Recording Secretary, Prof. L. W. Boe; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. O. J. Viland; Treasurer, Miss J. L. Olson. THE REVIEW will be furnished a full report of the convention.

When we see the vigor and enthusiasm of our young people we are conscious that there is a developing Christian force in our Church. Not only is there loyalty to our own Church, but stress is also laid on the devotion we owe to Christ. The spiritual quickening of those thoroughly equipped and of sound character, the closer fellowship of those whose education and work God has cast in the sphere of a common Confession, means much for our Zion. As a normal and religious agency our young people, praying and working together, will be a growing force for good.

LUTHER M. KUHNS.



The Maid of Kemnitz.

By Laura Scherer Copenhaver.

"Amid the turmoil of the mediæval Church, whose garments were so often stained with the blood of Christ's holiest saints," there is no figure more heroic than that of John Huss. The bare facts of his life make a romance through which sounds one battle-cry—For the Truth! For the truth this man hazarded everything, even life itself. Hazarded, and lost? No! because to bear witness for the truth even when no danger menaces us—is it not a good thing? To bear such witness in the face of great peril—is this not better far than ingloriously to prate of commonplaces all our lives? To die for the truth—can there be sublimer close to the most noble life?

In the following narrative of the life and times of John Huss, History has been made to wear the garb of Fable, but whenever chronological accuracy has been sacrificed it has been in order that the more "intimate spirit and meaning of the times" may be made manifest.

Chapter VIII
The Siege

"What! shall one monk, scarce known beyond his cell,
Front Rome's far-reaching bolts, and scorn her frown?
Brave Luther answered 'Yes;' that thunder swell
Rocked Europe and discharged the triple crown."
—*J. R. Lowell.*

PROCOP'S army was a motley host armed with the rude implements with which they had stormed the castle of many a noble knight. Even under Ziska, who was a born leader, they had often presented the appearance of a mob. They seemed to know no order; yet they could fight as one man when the fury of battle seized them.

"I will hold the castle!" was the reply of Agnes von Rosenberg to Procop's demand for the surrender of Kemnitz.

The host of the Hussites advanced to the wide trenches around the castle. Great beams of timber were cut and thrown across the trenches, and within an hour the outer defenses of Kemnitz were taken. With fearful shouts the Hussites surrounded the round tower. They planted their scaling ladders upon the walls. In numbers they seemed to be countless, and in bravery so reckless that they showed no concern for their lives. As fast as the stones, arrows and fire brands from the castle destroyed those who mounted the ladders others leaped to take their places.

Suddenly there was a lull in the shouts of the besiegers. On the summit of the round tower, where her father's flag fluttered, stood Agnes von Rosenberg, her hair blowing about her in the wind.

"Come down! Come down!" shouted the peasants.

The girl made no reply.

"Do not shoot," said Procop to his archers.

The pause in the attack lasted several minutes, during which the Hussites gazed with wonder upon the maiden who had thus exposed herself to death.

Inside the castle the orders of Agnes were being swiftly obeyed, and when the besiegers rushed again to ascend the ladders and advance the huge beams of timber, which formed their rude battering rams, a fearful thing befell them.

Great pots of hot lime descended upon their heads. With shrieks they turned to flee, or fell to the ground writhing in agony.

For a moment the ranks of the besiegers were thrown into confusion.

"By the Cup," said Procop, "Yonder maid should have been a man."

When night fell upon the besiegers and the besieged, no breach had as yet been made in the walls of the round tower.

The Hussites withdrew to the trenches, carrying many wounded with them and leaving many dead upon the ground. Inside the castle only three men were wounded. Agnes tended them with her own hands.

At midnight Rudolf found her preparing firebrands for the morrow.

"Give me twenty of thy men," he said, "and I will steal upon the besiegers and deal some good blows in the darkness."

"Nay," she said, "there is no need. It may be that the Count Eberhard will reach us by the morning with my uncle's men."

"Thou wouldst rather accept *his* aid than *mine?*" he asked, afire with jealousy.

"Ah, Rudolf! what need of words? I would not have thee put thy life in further peril for me," with tenderness in look and tone that made his heart leap with joy.

"But tell me that my life is dear to thee; let me but fight with thy scarf on my sleeve—and naught can harm me," he said.

"Go not!" she cried, dropping the pile of torches and clasping her hands.

He knelt and kissed her clasped hands.

"What thy father would have done, that will I," he cried, proudly. "I will strike a blow for thy castle of Kemnitz and be back to thee ere those within know I am gone."

When Rudolf had left her, Agnes fell upon her knees. Then she went to the window in the summit of the tower from which, with Rudolf, she had watched for the approach of Procop's army. She looked out into the darkness. The moon had not risen; she could see nothing, no sound could be heard; if Rudolf had left the castle he had done it noiselessly.

Suddenly, confused cries reached her ears. The Hussites at the trenches had been attacked without warning. The clamor was fearful. Agnes stood still at the window.

"If Rudolf be taken," she said, "I will give up Kemnitz for him. If he be slain—"

She knelt again at the window. The noise from the trenches grew louder. She heard no other sound until Rudolf himself entered and stood beside her.

"Art thou here, and unhurt?" she cried, turning swiftly to him.

"Not a scratch! I set them to fighting one another and they are still at it. I have brought all the men back unharmed. They are brave fellows."

"Thou shalt not again risk thy life for Kemnitz."

"Not for Kemnitz, Agnes, but for thee."

"Why, then, for Kemnitz, if for me. Listen! They are still fighting. Confusion has come upon them. Take me to the men who went with thee, that I may speak my thanks to them."

The glare of the torch she bore illuminated the face of Agnes as she spoke to the soldiers who had made the sally from the castle. All the loyalty they had vowed to Zezima von Rosenberg was hers, and added to it was the ardent reverence aroused by her beauty and her maiden courage.

In the gray dawn the Hussites again advanced upon the castle. The walls of the round tower were strong, and as yet no breach had been made in them, but the Count Eberhard had not arrived with aid from Neuhasz, and the hearts of many in the castle were heavy, as they saw the besiegers still so numerous that the dead piled in the trenches were not missed.

Procop himself came to the front and demanded a parley. Agnes stood forth at his call. During the siege she had worn the riding habit which her father had devised for her. Over the close fitting coat of mail with its interlacing rings of steel fell her bright hair. Her beauty was of the self-radiant sort that shines more brightly against a dark background. Her face, glowing with the flame of her high resolve, seemed to the peasants to be as the face of an avenging angel, pure and tender, but bright with the light of outraged justice.

"Agnes von Rosenberg, wilt thou now surrender the castle and the force within?" demanded Procop.

"I will hold the castle as my father would have held it," repeated Agnes in a clear voice.

"Think not that succor will come from Neuhasz. The Count von Haslan has been taken and slain by my own men. In an hour the castle will be ours."

"Boast not, you who war upon women!" called Agnes undaunted, though the tidings of Haslan's failure struck a chill to her heart. "The arm of the Lord is against you."

"Does the Papist maid dare speak the name of God?" cried one of the peasants, drawing his bow.

Procop restrained him. The leader of the Hussites turned to his men.

"Brave is the maiden," said he, "and I like it not that she should perish."

"Our cause will gain naught by the capture of Kemnitz," said a knight who had fought beside Procop.

"What say ye, shall we spare the castle and the maid who has made so gallant a defense?" called Procop to his followers.

"That we will!"

"Let us spare the castle!"

"A cheer for the Maid of Kemnitz!"

From the ranks of the enemy rose a great shout.

"Come down to us!" cried the peasants, "and thou and thy castle shall be spared."

"I will come down," called Agnes, and disappeared within.

"Go not down," pleaded Rudolf.

"'Tis a strategem of the false Hussites," said Otto of the Battle Axe. "They will seize thee and put thee to nameless tortures."

"Yet will I trust them! I will go down," said Agnes.

"Then will I go with thee," said Rudolf.

"Nay, if they but learn thou art here, all is lost. Thou hast forgot they would call thee traitor."

"Alas! he cried, "'tis true. Go, then, and God protect thee, Agnes."

As she went below, Rudolf turned to Otto of the Battle Axe.

"If any lay but his finger upon the maiden, naught can hold us within the castle," said he.

"Surely not," replied the old warrior.

They watched Agnes reappear below. Procop, alone, advanced to her.

"Agnes von Rosenberg, thou art free. Only deliver up to us the men who brought confusion upon us in the night and piled the trenches with our dead. Thy gallant defense of thy father's castle has moved us to spare both it and thee."

"I thank thee and thy men for thy favor," said Agnes. "Thy men shall feast to-day upon the best of meat and of wine that is in the castle. But as for my soldiers who have fought for me, I cannot yield them up."

"Thou dost defy us then? And thou givest not up these men, we will tear down every stone of thy castle, and slay thy men, even to the last!"

"Yet will I not deliver to thee those who have perilled their lives for me."

"Said I not the maid has the heart of a man in her fair woman's body?" said Procop to his men. "What say ye?"

There was a moment of silence among the Hussites. The savage courage in their own breasts responded to the splendid heroism of the Maid of Kemnitz. Yet their passion for revenge had been fostered by the fierce Ziska in the commission of many a deed of wanton cruelty. They could not forego the frenzied delight of cutting the cross upon the foreheads of the daring leaders of the night attack and seeing them perish by a death of torture.

"The maid must yield up the men to us, or we will sack the castle," cried one of the peasants.

The Hussites moved toward Agnes. The shout of the bold speaker was taken up by the multitude.

At this moment Rudolf came out and stood beside Agnes. He was in full armor, but his visor was down and there was no device upon his shield.

"I led the attack last night," he called. "Here am I. Wreak your vengeance upon me."

A moment later Otto of the Battle Axe stood forth beside Rudolf.

"Are there two champions among you who will meet us twain in fair fight? I care not if they be peasant or noble. We will fight with flail, or battle axe, or sword, as ye may choose."

Three Hussite knights advanced, each calling:

"We accept the challenge!"

"Will ye bide the issue of the combat, and we fight two to three?" called Rudolf.

Two peasants ran up beside the knights.

"We will battle two to five, if ye will bide the issue," cried Otto.

"By the Cup!" shouted peasants and knights together.

"Defend yourselves," called Rudolf, and before Agnes could interpose he and Otto charged upon the five Hussites.

The peasants were quickly disposed of, while Rudolf and Otto parried the sword thrusts of the three knights. Two of the knights set upon Otto. Then did that faithful old servitor of the Rosenbergs perform the feat which years before had won for him his name and his knighthood from Zezima von Rosenberg.

Avoiding the sword thrusts of his adversaries, he grasped his battle axe with both hands, and with a single blow severed the helmet of the foremost knight and stretched him senseless upon the ground.

Before Otto could defend himself, the other knight had grasped a battle axe which hung over his shoulder and swung it high in the air. As it descended it struck off the visor of Otto's helmet, and the point of the visor entered the eye of the old warrior. Undismayed, Otto caught the knight's arm, and by sheer strength of grip forced him to his knees Then Otto swung his battle axe again and cried:

"Dost thou yield?"

From all the Hussite army went up a cheer at the prowess of their foe, Otto of the Battle Axe.

Rudolf and the opposing knight had rushed together at once with swords drawn. On seeing Otto's stroke with the battle axe the Hussite champion had aimed a terrible thrust at Rudolf. Rudolf sprang aside, and while his adversary was recovering he dealt the sword stroke which he had learnt from John of Norvona. The Hussite knight fell to the ground. With his sword point on the breast of his prostrate foe, Rudolf called:

"Have we conquered fairly?"

"Fairly, and well have ye fought," called Procop. "The maid and her men and her castle are free."

Then came Agnes and the Countess Blanca, down from the castle.

The wounded were carried within and tended by the maiden and her waiting women, and 'tis said that of those who were left behind, though the sign of the cross was on their foreheads, many begged leave to dwell all their lives at Kemnitz in the service of its fair young mistress.

As for Rudolf, he was weary of the bloody wars and the fanatical peasants. Those wild upholders of religious freedom inspired in him a shame for the very cause which he deemed both glorious and just. The pleadings of Agnes that he should go no more to war were sweet to his ears.

"The cruel wars have been for naught," she said.

"Not for naught, Agnes," he answered. "I have come to see that the cause for which we fight is not to be won by the sword, but there will come a leader, not like Norvona, or Ziska, or Procop, who will move people, not by the sword, but by the truth. The prophecy of Huss sticks in my memory, 'A hundred years hence a swan that you will not be able to kill will appear.'"

"I have heard much of thy Huss, Rudolf," said Agnes, with downcast eyes, "and I crave thy pardon that I did speak of him as I did in the garden. Thou wilt teach me more of the truths for which he died, for which thou hast fought? Her voice fell lower. "Thou wilt teach me to read—the Book of Dreams, Rudolf?" She held the crimson velvet book before him.

As once before, he clasped his hands upon hers as they held the book and looked into her face with love in his eyes, "And thou wilt, Agnes," he said.

[THE END.]

Luther League of Iowa

First State Convention, at Fort Dodge, July 20-27

By Anna Warren

AT Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Wednesday, July 20, at 2 p.m., Rev. W. H. Blancke called the representatives of the various Luther Leagues and Young People's Societies of Iowa together in a convention. Rev. Renius of the local Augustana Church conducted the opening devotional exercises. Rev. Bursett of the local United Lutheran Church, in which the convention was held, gave a hearty welcome to the delegates and the visitors, welcomed them to the homes of the Lutheran people of Fort Dodge and to the convention, and establishing this motto for the convention—Loyalty to Christ and Christian Fellowship. Rev. Blancke of Davenport having been elected president, *pro tem*, responded, urging the work of the young people in the Luther League. Rev. Sletten gave an introduction to the topic—The Advantages of a State Convention. It was further discussed by Rev. Noum and others. It was stated in part that, "In unity there is strength, and that lack of unity is a weakness in our church. We need to learn more of our church and its doctrine, and work that we may be able to work shoulder to shoulder, and thereby gain a greater strength in powers and in numbers. By exchange of ideas we broaden our minds, which enables us to work with and for others. The Luther League is a training school for activity in the Church.

Rev. Jos. Anderson gave an address on the Devotional Element of the Luther League, and Mrs. Susie W. Stageberg emphasized the work of the young women in the Luther League. Rev. Blancke, in his address, "The Critical Transition Period," mentioned the critical transitional periods, such as Paul coming into Greece, the corruption of Rome, Luther at the Diet of Worms, Washington at Valley Forge, down to the transitional period of our church work to-day, as regards the language, material, spirit, society and educational element. God is waiting for the development of the Lutheran Church in its fullness. The last session, on Thursday evening, July 21, was held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at that place. Hon. Ole Boe of Des Moines gave an address on "The Lutheran Church and the Republic." He said in part: The reformation did more than any one agency toward making our country a republic. We owe our republic in a great measure to the work of Luther, the Lutheran Church. Luther's grand hymn was sung in all the languages represented there, led by the grand chorus. Lastly, an address was given by the general secretary, Rev. L. M. Kuhns. In this and others of his addresses, Rev. Kuhns emphasized the real work of the Luther League, together with its benefits and its aims, encouraged the reading and studying of our Luther League literature, in order that we may know our church and we shall not be ashamed of it. Also, that we have a right to our church in whatever language we wish, and that we should bring our work into daily life that we might have a strongly united front working for God's cause. A constitution was adopted for a State Luther League, and action was taken to apply for membership in the Luther League of America, and in accordance with which action ten delegates were elected to attend the National Convention at Buffalo. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. W. H. Blancke, president. The presidents of the district leagues in connection with the State League: Prof. Boe, rec. sec.; O. J. Viland, cor. sec.; Miss Julia A. Olson, treas. The various parts of the programme were varied by strains of music rendered by the convention and several individuals and choirs. After the last session all retired to the basement, where an elegant reception had been prepared by the people of the Lutheran churches of Fort Dodge, which closed the convention. May this initial convention of the State of Iowa prove a blessing, and may its motto, so well held forth throughout all its papers and discussions, be before us daily — Loyalty to Christ and Christian Fellowship.

Luther League Topics

14th Sunday after Trinity. September 4.

Sanctification

(I Thes. v: 9-28)

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is sanctification? How is sanctification to be effected? When is sanctification complete?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *We must be holy*, or we are not Christ's. The demand made upon us is inexorable. Without holiness no man can see the Lord. If we love Him we will keep His Commandments. Pardoned, adopted into sonship with God, because of what Christ has done *for* us, we must take up as the task of the remainder of life, the development of the life of Christ *in* us. And in the measure of the freedom and fulness with which Christ has His way in us, is our sanctification accomplished. Our danger is in forgetting that the only standard which we dare set before ourselves is that of perfect holiness. We are too ready to reduce God's requirement to meet our attainment, or even our indolence of effort to attain. But God's requirement is irreducible. We are too well satisfied with our small righteousnesses, too unwilling to see them in the light of God's law. And we need to be awakened to the truth, terrible it may be, that no man can have faith without works, that without holiness we are none of His. To be justified through the merit of our Lord is a glorious thing, but so far from excusing us from sanctification, it is only the entrance to sanctification, and involves the obligation to ever increasing holiness!

2. *We shall be holy.* But not all at once, by some spasm of uprooting of the Old Man! "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. iv, 18. The image and likeness of Christ is to become clearer and more definite in us day by day. We are to grow in holy living. The power of the New Man is to increase continually, while all subservience to the Old Man is to decrease steadily. But the fact that we will never in this world be perfectly holy is no excuse for the wilful indulgence in known sin. No earnest and sincere Christian will say: "I can't be perfect anyway, so I will do this and that thing, though I know it is wrong!" The true child of God does not willingly sin, and longs for no excuse, but only for perfectness.

The time when that longing shall be satisfied is definitely stated in God's Word. When we shall see Him as He is, we shall be like Him (I John iii, 2). The very prayer of the Apostle, which we are considering (I Thes. v. 23), rightly understood, tells us the same thing, for our entire sanctification and blamelessness are to be *at* the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (See the verse quoted in Revised Version.) Oh, surely, as the Beloved Disciple says, "Every one that hath this hope set on Him, purifieth himself even as He is pure." That is our spirit, our aim, our hope, and when we see our Lord in His glorious return we shall be pure, even as He is! God speed the day!

15th Sunday after Trinity. Sept. 11, 1904.

The Missionary Society of the Free Church of Hanover.

(Acts xv: 6-35)

Missionary Topic Reviewed by Rev. N. F. Schmidt.

A review of the mission activity of the Fatherland discloses certain features, which to say the least are surprising when compared with our operation here at home. Prominent among these is the scientific character which the Germans give to the treatment of the whole subject of missions, a treatment based entirely upon the Word of God as the rule of action. In fact, they have created a science of missions in so far as such a science exists at all. From this it naturally follows that the German methods are and must be Evangelical and Biblical and not the offspring of a well-meant, but often misguided enthusiasm.

In addition to this, the number and division of missionary societies throughout the empire is a matter of no small interest. They are formed, not within the lines of conference or synods as in America, nor are they fostered by the State Church as in England, but are called into being by the common views of men and women for and from all parts of the kingdom, and are governed by an adherence to certain accepted mission principles and practices. It can therefore be readily inferred that it is often a distinct doctrine, or an individual principle of practice which is the parent of many of the German societies, and which establishes their right to a separate existence. The Missionary Society of the Free Church of Hanover is no exception to this general rule.

A number of the Hermansburg pastors and congregation who had become dissatisfied with the established order of things within the State Church there withdrew and in 1892 formed the Free Church of Hanover.

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The dissatisfaction which there existed can hardly be laid to the charge of any one single difference of opinion, but is rather the culmination of a long series of minor differences which in themselves appear trivial to the disinterested observer. The seeds of discord and disunion had been sown as early as 1866, and had their deepest root in the ferment of a methodism combined with a high church mysticism. Through the years which followed there were many overt acts done and positions taken which widened the breach and led to the final separation. The last straw, however, was the introduction of the marriage form of 1874. The separation began in Hermansburg under Theodore Harms, who attracted to himself men from various parts of the empire who were ready for a withdrawal from the established church. The spirit of separation having once taken possession of their hearts, soon gained such firm hold upon them, and so far conquered them that ere long instead of one division there were four. Time alone can tell whether there was sufficient cause, and whether each possessed sufficient distinctive principle to warrant a separate existence.

The differences which existed in the Church at home were soon carried into the mission field abroad, and South Africa was made to feel the effect of those agitations which disturbed the Church in Germany. Neither did the spirit of ferment cease until the separation was complete. As several of the missionaries within the Hermansburg Society were members of The Free Church congregation, and being in full sympathy with their constituents at home they felt it incumbent upon them, under the existing circumstances, to withdraw from the mother society and to labor under different supervision in their respective fields. Thus nine congregations, situated in Natal and the Transvaal, and composed of 2700 christianized heathen, with nine missionaries and twelve native helpers, withdrew from the Hermansburg Society. The separated portion of the Church at home regarded it as a bounden duty to acknowledge, accept as its own, and provide for the future welfare and growth of that field which had thus fallen into their hands. As a result thereof the Foreign Missionary Society of the Free Church of Hanover was formed. The superintendent of the newly acquired missions is the president of the synod of the Free Church of Hanover, Pastor Heicke of Nettlecamp. To provide laborers for their field a seminary was opened in the same year. Four candidates entered it at the very beginning. The official organ of the society since 1899 is a monthly periodical, "Missionsblat der Hanoverschen evangelisch-Lutherischen Freikirche," published by Rev. C. Dreves, pastor of the "Kreuzgemeinde" in Hermansburg.

The mission has thus been cared for ever since until this present time, the expenses of running which have been over 25,000 marks annually, although the number of new converts has been small.

Looking unto that God who is able to make even the wrath of men to praise Him, our hope and prayer is that out of the misunderstandings which exist among men He would speedily bring forth a host of laborers for His kingdom and a zeal for His cause which shall greatly hasten the coming of that day, when "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

16th Week after Trinity. September 18.

The Holy Christian Church

(Eph. v : 15-33)

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the significance of each name by which the Church is known? Describe the Church as invisible, and as visible. How and why is the Church divided into branches? What claims has the Lutheran Church to be identified with the true Holy Christian Church?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *We need a higher estimate of the Church.* We need a tenderer regard for the Church. There are so many who, apparently, delight in finding and exposing to view the faults and failures of the Church. She may have faults and failures. So, doubtless, has the mother who bore you, but you are a strange child if you love to think of her weaknesses, still more strange if you delight to call attention to them. The Church is your spiritual mother. She gave you spiritual birth at her font. She nourished you with the pure milk of the Word and bore you and still bears you in her arms. How dare any child of hers despise or neglect her?

But that is not all. We should reverence the Church. Hers is the sacred trust of the Means of Grace, the Word and Sacraments, and having these she has the keys that open and shut the kingdom of heaven. Hers is, therefore, also a divine authority, and every true child of God, obedient to His Word, following His indicated will, must bow to that authority and recognize in the Church much more than a mere organization or association of men. Her pastors, officers, Synods and their officials are to be regarded not merely as men among men, but as representatives of God, called in due order, to bear office and discharge functions divinely

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A Chapter in the Wonderful Tamil Story

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WAR was going on between Sweden and Denmark in 1710, and when the Danes met with reverses many persons prominent in the affairs of State expressed great unwillingness to send money abroad to promote an object of such remote interest as Foreign Missions, when funds were urgently needed to provide ships and soldiers for the defence of the kingdom, and in consequence the mission cause in Tranquebar suffered for lack of financial aid. To add to the pecuniary embarrassment, during the same year the city was visited by a disastrous flood, in which much of the property belonging to the mission was injured or destroyed. And now another friend was found in Great Britain for the struggling mission in the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, which had been established in London in 1699, having for its object the promoting of religion in the British colonies. It was at this time proposed, in view of the need of funds for carrying on the work of the Danish Mission in Tranquebar, to raise a special fund for this object. An appeal to British Christians met with a prompt and generous response. What a striking and beautiful evidence is this that Christian comity is not a mere theory, existing only in name, but a substantial verity, at least in Foreign Mission work, though sadly unrealized as yet in the home field! Means were thus provided for the purchase of a printing press, a long desired and much needed acquisition, as books had been multiplied only by employing native copyists, a tedious and expensive process, since the work was all done on strips of the palmyra leaf, every letter punctured by an iron stylus.

On the 31st of May, 1711, the Tamil translation of the New Testament was completed by Ziegenbalg. The day was celebrated by a service of praise. Of the completion of this work Ziegenbalg wrote: "This is a treasure in India which surpasses all other Indian treasures." This great work accomplished, the ever zealous missionary made an evangelistic tour, proceeding northward as far as Madras. Soon after his return from this tour he was called to part with his fellow-worker, Plütschau, the health of whose family made a return to Europe necessary.

The printing press sent out from Europe reached India in August, 1712. The services of a soldier in the Danish army, who had learned the art of printing were secured, and the work of issuing books in the Portuguese language was at once begun. The German friends of the mission sent out a second press and a font of Tamil type, made at home under very interesting circumstances. A young man of great mechanical genius, who had learned the art of printing, by studying carefully the structure of the Tamil letters, with infinite patience had produced a font of Tamil type. His interest grew with the prosecution of the work, and in December, 1712, both he and a younger brother offered themselves and their art for the service of the mission. The young men were accepted and a free passage secured for them in one of the vessels of the company's fleet. On their arrival in Tranquebar in June, 1713, the printing of the New Testament in Tamil was begun.

Ziegenbalg's declining health made a change to his native land imperative, and the work of putting the Tamil New Testament through the press devolved upon Gründler. Upon him also rested the responsibilities of the congregations and the schools, all of which were in a prosperous condition.

On the last day of October, 1714, Ziegenbalg embarked on the Danish ship Frederick IV. for Europe. He was accompanied to the ship by great numbers of the Tamil Christians, who besought him with tears not to leave them, and many from among the heathen begged him to hasten his return, as they "liked to have those in their midst who stood near to God and by whose presence both they and their country profited."

Ziegenbalg had begun the work of translating the Scriptures of the Old Testament into Tamil as soon as he had completed the translation of the New. During the voyage to Europe he occupied himself with the translation of the Book of Joshua, and this he had completed when the ship reached the Cape of Good Hope. During the remainder of the voyage he was employed upon his Tamil dictionary and upon a Tamil-Latin grammar.

The ship reached its destination, Bergen, Norway, on the first of June. The King of Denmark was at this time engaged in the siege of Stralsund. The country around was one vast encampment. To the royal camp Ziegenbalg hurried with all speed, for he desired greatly to see the King. He was at once admitted into the presence of His Majesty, though he came unannounced. The interview lasted five hours, the King for a time throwing off the cares of State and lending an interested ear to the story of the mission, its trials and its triumphs. He promised not only to continue to give pe-

* From her sketch of Ziegenbalg and Gründler, see pages 13 to 36 in "Men of Might in India Missions," published by the Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. $1.25. (Copyright, 1901.)

cuniary aid to the mission, but as far as possible to remove obstacles to the successful accomplishment of the work. Ziegenbalg was informed that he had been made superintendent of the mission and his commission forwarded to India.

During this interview between the King and the missionary there was much excitement among the Danish troops, for it had been voiced abroad that a distinguished stranger had arrived and it was supposed that he had come to communicate matters of importance.

When the stranger came forth from the presence of the King the interested spectators saw "a man of commanding presence, of great dignity, with a flashing eye, resolute and calm in his demeanor, a bronzed face, seamed with deep lines of care." He was invited to preach the Word of God to the assembled troops, and his message found deeply interested listeners.

From the royal family in Copenhagen Ziegenbalg received a cordial welcome. While tarrying in the capital city he prepared his grammar and a large part of his dictionary for the press, and these were printed at Halle before his return to India. From Copenhagen he proceeded to Germany to revisit the scenes and renew the friendships of his youth. He was everywhere received with marked respect and vast audiences filled the churches when he preached.

A visit was also paid to Merseburg, where he had for a short time been tutor before going to India. One of his pupils was Dorothea Saltzmann, daughter of one of the Secretaries to Government. She was now grown to womanhood, of ardent piety, great strength of character and with a well cultivated intellect. Before his return to India Ziegenbalg was united in marriage to Miss Saltzmann, who proved in every respect a helpmeet to her husband.

With health renewed, Ziegenbalg joyfully prepared for his return to India. The directors of the Danish East India Company gave a free passage to the mission party on one of their ships leaving Europe for the East on March 4, 1716, and Madras was reached on August 9. There was great rejoicing when Ziegenbalg and his bride reached Tranquebar.

The work during the absence of the senior missionary had been carried on by Gründler with unflagging zeal. Governor Hassius had been recalled and a friend of missions appointed in his place. Soon after the return of Ziegenbalg, with the co-operation of Gründler a seminary was established in which the most promising pupils from the various schools could receive such Biblical instruction as would fit them for the work of catechists and teachers in the mission.

The church built in 1707 had for several years been too small for the growing congregation, and it was resolved to provide a more spacious edifice. On February 9, 1717, the foundation stone of a new and commodious house of worship was laid by the new Governor in the presence of a large assembly. The completed building was dedicated to the worship of God before the end of the year, and named "New Jerusalem."

After the completion of the new sanctuary, in the beginning of 1718, Ziegenbalg made an extensive evangelistic tour. At the close of this tour he prepared for the press the third collection of his conversations with both Hindus and Mohammedans, setting forth in a concise and lucid manner the truths of Christianity and refuting the objections most frequently urged by these classes against the truths taught in the sacred Scriptures. This was the last work he sent to the press, for at the end of this year his health began seriously to decline. "It was sorrow of heart rather than multiplicity of labors" which had laid low this man of iron will. The Mission Board which had been founded in Copenhagen had for its secretary a man who was incapable of comprehending Ziegenbalg's bold ideas and his earnest desire to take advantage of the openings of Providence. The letters sent from the secretary to the missionaries had been not only lacking in sympathy, but cruelly unjust, and Ziegenbalg, enfeebled as he was by unremitting labor and hard self-denial in an exhausting climate, received a blow from which he never recovered.

In October, 1718, he took to his bed, but near the end of the year he rallied and on Christmas Day he preached in the new church. He preached again on the first day of the year, and this was his last public service. On February 10 he made over to his beloved colleague, Gründler, the superintendence of the mission. February 23 was his last day on earth. He rose early and, as was his custom, joined with his wife in prayer. Soon after great suffering came on. To those gathered about him he said: "I shall endure in this conflict." A little later a look of infinite peace stole over his face. At his request a favorite hymn was sung. Then suddenly raising his hand to his eyes, he said: "How is it so light? It seems as if the sun were shining in my eyes." Soon after he calmly fell asleep in Jesus.

Thus passed away in his early manhood—for he was not yet 36 years of age—one of whom it has justly been said that to him, more than to any other man, belongs the title of the Apostle of India.

The death of Ziegenbalg caused universal sorrow. On the day following his decease his remains were deposited in a vault in the New Jerusalem Church, amid the tears of his European friends and his native flock.

Upon Gründler now rested the burden of the responsibility of the mission; and while bowed beneath a weight of care and sorrow another letter arrived from the mission secretary at home, full of condemnation of the conduct of the mission. Ziegenbalg had sent a reply to the first of these letters, received some time before his death. To this last Gründler penned an answer. These letters from Ziegenbalg and Gründler are still regarded as among "the most brilliant of missionary apologetics."

The friends of Gründler noted with deepest sorrow his rapidly failing strength, and he, too, felt that his time of labor would soon be over. On one occasion, in the presence of the congregation, he prayed, with tears, that the Lord, in love and mercy, would spare him until the arrival of the missionaries then on their way to India. His prayer was answered. One day, on his way to church, letters from Europe were put into his hands. The first one opened was from Dr. Francke and was full of cheer and tenderst sympathy, which seemed as cordial to the sorely wounded heart of the missionary.

These letters had been brought from Europe by the new missionaries, who had forwarded them to Tranquebar from Madras. In September, 1719, the three missionaries arrived, and on one of these, Benjamin Schultze, Gründler's mantle fell when, a few months later, the brave warrior laid down his armor. Early in 1720 Gründler transferred to Schultze the charge of the mission. On March 15, with tottering steps and bowed frame, he made his way to the church. His colleagues were alarmed at his appearance, for the seal of death was even then on that calm brow. "I wish once more to read a liturgy from the altar," said Gründler, in answer to the startled looks bent upon him, "and once more to pronounce the benediction over the congregation I am soon to leave."

On March 19 he gave his last instructions to Schultze concerning the work of the mission, and prayed that God's richest blessing might rest upon him. A portion of Scripture at his request was read to him, his lips moved as if in prayer, on his face was a look of infinite peace, and thus he fell asleep.

Memorize the sayings of the wise.

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Book Reviews

BEACONS ON LIFE'S VOYAGE; BRIEF ANSWERS TO PERSONAL PROBLEMS. By Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D. Pp. 216. 50 cents net. George W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia.

A series of twenty-seven meditative and brief considerations upon questions which frequently vex earnest Christians, and disturb hours of devotion—questions concerning prayer, interest in the Bible, sorrows, amusements, &c. Poetical selections accompany each one. The book is in tasteful, delicate binding.

THE CRISES OF THE CHRIST. By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D. Pp. 477. $2 net. Fleming H. Revell Co, New York, Chicago, etc.

The aim of this book is not to add one more to the already long list of lives of Christ, but to indicate how our Lord accomplished the work for which He came. It reveals the Jesus who in the details of the passing days was working a larger work and toward a mightier issue than a mere contemplation of the human life might seem to suggest.

To reveal this momentous undercurrent the writer brings to us a faithful study of the call for Christ, the mystery and meaning of His birth, the Baptism, with its parting of the ways; the Temptation, the Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension, ending with a brief statement of the resultant answer of Christ to the call of man.

The name of the author is sufficient to inform one that there is before him a book constantly scriptural, strongly evangelical, pronouncedly devotional and steadily suggestive.

THE CROSSING. By Winston Churchill, author of "The Crisis," "Richard Carvel," etc. With illustrations in colors by Sydney Adamson and Lilian Bayliss. Cloth, 12mo, $1.50. The Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The theme of Mr. Churchill's new novel is largely the peaceful conquest of the great Louisiana territory by American settlers during the years from the purchase of Louisiana onward. The book's timeliness is obvious; but what is more to the point is that the story portrays the immigration of Americans into the Louisiana territory, their settlement therein, and the gradual, sure way in which they brought the empire sold to us by France under American rule and implanted in it American social and political ideas. Mr. Churchill also described the life of that age in the States bordering on the east bank of the Mississippi, and the ideals and standards which actuated the people of those States, and puts into form of fiction the whole American spirit of the early years of the nation. This is the second novel in point of time in the series of novels dealing with American life which Mr. Churchill is writing. "Richard Carvel," which dealt with the Revolutionary War," was the first, and "The Crisis," which dealt with the Civil War, was the fourth.

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Editorial

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" is an encouraging thought as we prepare for the coming Convention. "One way to conquer is to call to mind how good God has been, and be sure He will be equally good in the future."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Let us "pray without ceasing" that our meeting at Buffalo may be guided by the Holy Spirit, and that everything done and said will tend to the glory of God, and to increase the interest and earnestness of our young people in the work of His Church. "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much."

Our National Convention! How much this ought to mean to every League member. As a National Convention it will bring together many of the most active, able and representative workers of our great Lutheran Church.

As "*our*" convention, it will deal with the great and important questions which mean so much to us young people in our relation to our beloved Church.

Let it be well understood that we young Lutherans do love our Church, that we are deeply interested in and intensely in earnest about this matter of our Church and her future in America. Our convention means to us, therefore, not fun and frolic, but a meeting for hard and practical work.

This work brings with it many pleasures. The meeting and counseling with workers from all parts of the Church, the reports, the plans, the addresses, the new suggestions, the arrangements for larger and more active participation in the work of the Church at large, how all these things add new joy to our work in our local congregation.

Attending such a convention we find our hearts beating the faster and our enthusiasm growing perceptibly for our Lutheran Church and her great mission. It makes better and more faithful Lutherans of us all. It helps us to feel again and again that it is a privilege to belong to the Church of the Reformation.

The Luther League, through its conventions, has done much towards enlarging the horizon of our young people. Often they have come back from these conventions realizing, as never before, how much larger the Lutheran world of life and activities than they had ever dreamed. They have been lifted out of provincialism to a version of the world-wide power and mission of the Lutheran Church. They have learned that the Church

has claims upon them far beyond the mere parochial activities in their own congregation.

This vision of the larger work and the greater claims has made the true Leaguer more faithful to his own pastor and his own church. It has brought him into sympathy with the larger plans and purposes of his pastor, the plans for the Church at large, which are so near to every true minister's heart.

Returning from the League Convention the earnest worker longs to make his own church a power that shall be felt in the work of the Church at large. These larger claims have made a larger Christian worker of him. Blessed the pastor and the Church who have such workers. They are leaven which will by and by fill our great church with a life whose throb and influence will be felt more and more through the coming years in all the Church's great activities, mission, educational, eleemosynary.

In a word, the League is destined to exert a great influence upon the life of the Church Upward, Downward and Outward. It means for the young people a more active, devoted, intelligent, spiritual loyalty to the Lutheran Church and her claims upon them.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest." As we read of the needs and pray for helpers, may some be heard to answer "Here am I; for thou callest me." There are many in our Leagues qualified by their training to do the Lord's work at home and abroad, in the individual congregation and in works of mercy. It is said that some are deterred from entering the Lord's service as ministers and missionaries, because the compensation is so small. If that be true, then pray for increased faith; the Lord will not permit His servants to suffer. "As the day is so shall thy strength be." "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?".

Recently there was a gathering of missionaries at Clifton Springs, New York. They came from all parts of the globe. One desire seemed to possess all, to be at their work of preaching and teaching Christ to the heathen; not one was there who was wearied by, or tired of, his work. The trials and discomforts, to which they had been subjected, had not in the least dampened their ardor. Surely the lives of our missionaries should be incentive to increased devotion to our Master's service.

When God opens an opportunity before us we should use it. Pride and arrogance are great vices. Instead of presumptuousness being an advantage, it often is the occasion for God's displeasure. If ours is an opportunity, ours is also a responsibility. Without exalting ourselves beyond measure, we should use to the utmost of our powers the open door God has set before us. It is ours to work, but with God are the results.

True and humble Christian humility is acceptable to God. It is the lesson the Christian must learn, to think less of one's self and more of others. One may esteem himself, exalt himself, and count his fastings, his tithes, and his good works only to remain a Pharisee in self-righteousness. Better, far better, to confess than to boast, and to pray the Publican's prayer for God to be Merciful. Luther says: "We have reason to humble ourselves and to say, O God, the gifts which I enjoy are not mine, but Thine; Thou hast given them, else I would be deprived of them like others. All praise is due unto Thee!" How much depends on God's grace and mercy! How great the duty of conduct to "walk humbly with thy God!" But for this we need his grace. Only as we possess it, can we trust and be strengthened to walk in the way pleasing to Him.

It is the part of Christians, in faith and love, to serve each other in humility. Luther says, "That the Apostle lays down this rule for a Christian life, that all our works should be directed to the advantage of others; since every Christian has such abundance through

his faith, that all his other works and his whole life remain over and above, wherewith to serve and benefit his neighbor of spontaneous good-will." For this we have the Apostolic example. Paul spent his life for others, but did not boast of the worthiness of his own works. He confessed his sins, and attributed his elevation to the operation of God's grace. Now we do not all have the same gifts. God has given us diversities of gifts. But we can use the gift God has given us "to bring people to a knowledge of the one God, and," as Luther says, "To build up the Church in this unity of the faith." This is no unimportant service. If God has bestowed a blessing upon us, not in pride but in humility, we may share with another the comfort our faith has given us.

Luther League Topics

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committed to them in the institution He has appointed and ordained as His agency on earth for the salvation of men. The reaction from the Roman conception of the Church, with its false claims and its ecclesiastical tyranny has gone too far—especially in the Radical Reformation, and thus has influenced, too much, the Conservative Reformation—our own communion. Let no more be given to the Church than the Scriptures give—but let no less be given. We are too prone to fix our affections on a man, the pastor, to call the congregation, of which he is a minister, and a guide and teacher, after his name, and to offer him instead of the reverence and deference due to his office, a personal affection. Let us not fail to recognize the Holy Christian Church in its glory, its beauty and its authority—and each congregation as a part of the Church. From this viewpoint we will see many questions of duty in a different light and God will have greater glory.

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Publishers' Column

Wherever the Luther League Hymnal is introduced it is sure to meet with success and helps to make the meetings of our young people more helpful. This has been demonstrated time and again and seems to be growing, for the demand for the new edition of the Hymnal has been very heavy. New editions of both the books, with music and the words only, have been necessary to meet the requirements of orders. If you are not using this book, it might be well to try it.

It is our purpose to have samples of the Hymnal at the convention in Buffalo as well as of the books of all the Reading Courses. Pamphlets, booklets, also a complete line of badges for those who may wish to see what the Luther League supplies are like.

The last quarter's number of the Luther League Topics for this year—viz, September, October, November, will be issued very shortly, and in the hands of subscribers before the 15th of the month. Those whose subscriptions have expired are urged to renew at once. You will want the Topics in your meetings when the fall season opens in September. See page 31 of this number for rates, etc.

That our July number was favorably received is quite evident from the letters we have received, which are indeed very encouraging. The greatest encouragement you can give our editor, however, is to do your share toward increasing the circulation of the REVIEW. If you feel it is a good paper for you, why not recommend it to your fellow member or some one else who may be interested. You can do much to give the REVIEW a widespread circulation.

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Philadelphia

— The Board of Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D.D., pastor, is considering plans for a permanent endowment of the church.

— Mrs. Emeline Unruh, who recently died at her home in this city, bequeathed $75,000 to the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Germantown. The gift makes this home the richest in the Church in the United States.

— The Advisory Mission Committee of Philadelphia Conference, General Synod, through its superintendent, Rev. S. D. Daugherty, has received a check for $1200 from a friend who wished his name withheld. This amount is to be used for the construction of another portable chapel, the use of which will greatly facilitate the work at one of the new mission points.

— The Lutheran Home and Asylum at Germantown has received the $5000 bequeathed to it by the late Henry Lehman. Benjamin Brown of Norristown added the handsome sum of $800 to it.

— The active work of the new pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, West Philadelphia, Rev. Ferdinand Hesse, with the hearty co-operation of his congregation, is showing substantial results. One thousand dollars has been paid on the mortgaged indebtedness, and another thousand will be paid before the end of this year. They also contemplate the purchase of a parsonage.

— Rev. N. E. Yeiser has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Parkside Lutheran Church, West Philadelphia, and takes charge at once.

Chicago

— Rev. H. W. Hanshue of Wittenberg Seminary has been spending his vacation in making a canvass of Irving Park, preparatory to the organization of a Lutheran Church. He has met with excellent success and has now a Sunday school of 85 and a church organization will be made soon.

— St. John's congregation, Avondale, was organized on May 18 last. At that time 38 persons joined the congregation. The prospects for the future of the congregation are said to be most excellent.

— Grace English Lutheran Church, Belden avenue and Larrabee street, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, pastor, has just canceled its mortgage debt of $2500.

Baltimore

— By the will of the late Mr. C. C. Fink, the Third Lutheran Church of this city, Rev. I. C. Burke, D.D., pastor, was left the sum of $100.

— St. Luke's Church of Hampden, a northern suburb, has under way the erection of a chapel, of which the corner-stone will soon be laid. It adjoins the rear of the church. Rev. G. E. Hipsley is pastor of the church.

— A Home for Immigrants is to be established in Baltimore. It will be supported by Lutherans.

Kansas City (Kansas)

— The First Lutheran Church of this city, Rev. R. B. Wolf, pastor, has purchased a handsome building for $5000. The property is worth $12,000, but owing to some litigation it was sold at this low price.

Pittsburgh

— Rev. H. C. Erdman has accepted a call to the new mission lately organized on Herron avenue. He began his work on July 1.

— The house of worship of Christ Church, Sheridan avenue, Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., pastor, was reconsecrated with appropriate services July 10, after having been subject to very extensive remodeling and repairs. The improvements will cost about $2000. At the morning service the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Kunzman, D.D., of Greensburg. At the evening service appropriate and congratulatory addresses were made by Drs. D. H. Geissinger, Edmond Belfour, D. Luther Roth and J. C. Kunzman, and by Revs. H. S. Gilbert and Robert R. Durst. The services were conducted by the pastor, who also performed the act of reconsecration at the evening service.

Savannah

— A bequest of $10,000 was made by the late Mrs. Marie Paulsen to the Church of the Atonement, Rev. W. E. Schaeffer, D.D., pastor, of which she was a member.

Minneapolis

— The corner-stone of the new edifice of Grace Lutheran Church, 212 Fifteenth avenue, South, was laid with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, July 31.

Louisville

— The result of the active work of Rev. C. E. Buschman in canvassing South Louisville is a very promising Lutheran mission in that part of the city.

New Haven

— The Swedish Lutheran congregation in this city has sold its church building to the Polish congregation for $14,000 in cash and a house and lot worth $10,000. The congregation has already taken steps to build a new and larger church.

Dayton

— The First Church, Rev. D. Frank Garland, pastor, celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of its organization on Sunday, July 10. The historical sermon was preached by the pastor. The church has a membership of 825, and has sent out colonies from which two other churches have been formed. In the 65 years this church has contributed more than $200,000 to the missionary and educational causes.

Camden

— Christ Church consecrated its comfortable and churchly house of worship on Sunday, July 10. Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, president of Conference, performed the ceremony of consecration, and the pastor, Rev. Frank J. Paul, and others participated in the services.

MISCELLANEOUS

— The Columbia District Luther League lost one of its best friends in the death of Rev. John W. Skans, who died on Sunday morning, July 10, in Portland, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Rev. Skans was the devoted pastor of Emmanuel Swedish Lutheran Church and an enthusiastic friend of the Luther League. He did much to promote its popularity and efficiency in the Northwest.

— Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., has received from C. A. Smith of Minneapolis 100,000,000 feet of lumber, which is not to be sold until it is worth $100,000. Meantime Mr. Smith will loan money to the college and retain the timber land as security until the whole amount is realized for the college. The gift is made on the condition that the alumni and students try to raise an equal amount by January 1, 1906.

— By the will of the late Mrs. Harriet C. Murdock, Trinity Lutheran Church, Boonsboro, Md., Rev. J. E. Maurer, pastor, will receive $500.

— Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph.D., missionary to Japan from the United Synod of the South, tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the Board of Missions.

— Another terrible disaster at sea is chronicled, following close upon the "Slocum" disaster at New York, and again the victims are Lutherans. On June 28 the steamship "Norge," belonging to the Danish-American line, from Copenhagen to New York, with over 700 immigrants and a crew of 70 more, was wrecked in mid-ocean. Blown by storms out of her course, she struck on a lone granite rock, the Isle of Rockall, a reef about 290 miles west of Scotland. Her side broken, the "Norge" quickly filled and sank, carrying to watery grave over 600 men, women and children. Nearly all of the immigrants were Danes, Swedes, Norwegians and Finns coming to join friends or loved ones in this country. Coming from Lutheran lands, it may be taken for granted that the most of them were of our own faith.

— Rev. Luther Allen Weigle, formerly pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Conn., has been elected assistant in psychology at Yale University.

— The new building of Calvary Lutheran Church, Chilicothe, Ohio, cost only $7000. The figures given last month, $11,000, represent the total cost of lot and building. This church has a small but very devoted and liberal Luther League.

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On account of the National Encampment, G. A. R., at Boston, Mass., August 15 to 20, 1904, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Boston, Mass., from all stations on its lines from August 13 to 15, inclusive, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be good for return passage, to leave Boston not earlier than August 16, nor later than August 20, inclusive, when executed by Joint Agent at Boston.

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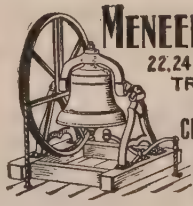
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Delaware and Hudson District.

—The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, closed the most successful year of its history. Never were the meetings better attended, never were the services more interesting. The Topic was discussed by the members at each meeting. Three books of the Reading Course, "Luther," "Melancthon" and "Praying and Working," were studied. Missions, Education and all live Church questions of the day received their share at the sessions. The Hymnal was used, 30 copies of the REVIEW distributed each month and 40 copies of *The Home Missionary* paid for by the League. The sessions were held every Sunday before evening service, and social and business meetings once a month, when refreshments were served. The League tendered a reception to the 34 new members admitted into the congregation during the year, on June 16, in the church auditorium, which proved a very pleasing event. The officers of the League are: Pres., Fritz Ingwall; vice-pres., J. P. Klee; rec. sec., Miss Mae Bradt; cor. sec., Miss Alma Kneppel; treas., Miss Edna Marthis. No services are held during July and August. A member of the League, W. H. Rector, is the efficient President of the "D. & H." District League and therefore one of the vice-presidents of the

State League. Wm. L. Bradt, another active member, will represent the "D. & H." at the Buffalo Convention. Fritz Ingwall is the delegate of the local League, and Rev. M. J. Bieber, the pastor, treasurer of the State League, is a State delegate. A few other members of the League expect to attend the Buffalo Convention. The League will hold a picnic in August.

— Rev. M. J. Bieber has resigned the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y., and accepted a call from the Home Mission Board of the General Council as field secretary of the Synod of New York and New England. Rev. Bieber had been corresponding secretary of the Luther League of New York State for a number of years and was last fall elected treasurer. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the League.

— The League of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hudson, has added several new members to its membership the past six months, and the attendance at the meetings has been good. The League will have charge of the prayer meetings during the month of August—vacation season. The lawn festival in charge of the League was held last week, also in connection a handkerchief sale, which was a success, socially and financially.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania will be held in Pittsburgh on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18 and 19. The general theme will be "The Luther League, Upward, Downward and Outward." Among the speakers will be E. Augustus Miller, W. H. Rupple, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., and Rev. A. J. Turkle, D.D. Earnest efforts are being made to render the convention helpful and inspiring.

— The engagement of Miss Emma A. King of Allegheny to Rev. Prof. Elmer Krauss of the Chicago Seminary has been announced. The wedding will take place early in the autumn. Miss King is the recording secretary of the Luther League of Pennsylvania and has been prominently connected with the work for several years. Rev. Krauss is a thorough scholar and an educator of high reputation.

Pittsburgh District

— The League of Emanuel's Church, Allegheny, C. K. Fegley, pastor, discussed the subject, "The Ministry," in a number of well written papers at its July meeting. This League will endeavor through the development of "nickel talents" by the members, during the summer months, to raise the money for an India mission school scholarship.

— A Junior League was recently organized in Hebron Lutheran Church, East Pittsburgh, Rev. H. D. Hoover, pastor. There are 26 charter members. The League Topics are used. This church is but nine months old, but during the pastorate of its present pastor 66 have been added to the charter list of 38. The outlook is most hopeful.

Berks County District

— The quarterly convention of the Luther League of Berks County was held in Christ Church, Oley, on Thursday, July 15. Every society connected with the District League was represented and many visitors were present, which made the attendance large. In the absence of President Fred. A. Marx, the vice-president, J. Wilmer Fisher, Esq., presided.

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Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor of the Oley Church, Rev. E. S. Brownmiller, D.D., who also extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors. A suitable response was made by Mr. Fisher. The Extension Committee reported that two new Leagues had been formed in the district, one at Hinnershitz and the other at Leesport, and both were received into membership of the District League. "The Luther League, Past, Present and Future," was the subject of an address by George M. Jones, Esq., who traced the history of the District League from its formation on June 15, 1894, with four local Leagues and 200 members, to the present, when it numbers 30 local societies and about 2200 members. Much interesting data was given and many helpful lessons drawn. An essay on the life of John Huss was read by Miss Mary E. Fegely of Reading. "Luther League Devotional Services" was the subject of a helpful paper by Rev. J. W. Lazarus of Sinking Spring. At the evening session an address on "The Colloquy at Marburg" was delivered by Rev. M. C. Horine, D.D. The proposition to confer an honorary degree upon students who accomplish prescribed work in the Reading Course was, after consideration, referred to the local Leagues for discussion and will be made a special order of business at the next quarterly convention. Announcement was made of the programme of the approaching National Convention, and the following were appointed delegates: Rev. A. M. Weber, Boyertown; J. Wilmer Fisher and George H. Fink, Reading. The next meeting of the District League will be held October 13 in St. John's Church, Sinking Spring.

Catawissa District

To the Pastors of the District of the Catawissa District Luther League:

DEAR PASTOR: The Executive Committee of the Catawissa District Luther League has just completed the arrangements for the sixteenth convention. The meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church, Numidia, Rev. F. A. Weicksel, pastor, on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. The programme promises a lot of good things. Now, dear pastor, help make this convention the best yet held by us. Give us your prayers. Then we want your presence without fail. But if you cannot come, kindly send a letter of greeting. Be sure and inform your young people of the convention next Sunday. Personally see that delegates are elected or appointed at once. If you can attend, send your name and delegates' names as early as possible and not later than August 20 to Miss Dora Weicksel, Numidia, Pa. This will insure entertainment. You will go to Catawissa by railroad, and from there to Numidia by hack. The hack fare for

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For the Committee:

GEO. G. FOX,
President Catawissa District Luther League.

Northwestern District

— The twelfth annual convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania convened Monday evening, June 27, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Greenville. The pastor, Rev. Frank C. Oberly, conducted the opening services. Mr. Lynus Shaeffer, in behalf of the Greenville Luther League and allied societies, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates and visitors. He expressed the belief that the opportunity of having a District League convention in their town would produce profitable results in awakening enthusiasm and creating fresh resolves to work for the Lord and His Church. Rev. Oberly added words of hearty welcome. In President Berst's response he dwelt on the main thought selected for this convention, "The Young Lutheran at Work." Relating some experiences of Helen Kellar, he told of her prayer, "Oh, for light, more light!" He said the common desire of the Leaguers in coming to Greenville was to get more light for an effectual performance of the great work intrusted to young Christians by the Saviour. Brief words of greeting were given by delegates from ten local Leagues connected with the District League. At the Tuesday morning session 40 delegates were enrolled, representing 15 societies. The general subject for consideration throughout the convention was "The Young Lutheran at Work," founded on the texts: "Behold Thy servants are ready to do whatever my Lord the King shall appoint," I Sam. xv, 15, and "To every man his work," Mark xiii: 34. At the Tuesday morning session personal preparation for the great work of the Master was considered under the topics: 1, "Prayer and Meditation," by Miss Marie Brant of St. Stephen's Church, Erie; 2, "Study of the Word of God," by Miss Winnie Karch of Luther Memorial Church, Erie; 3, "Study of the Progress and Needs of the Kingdom in the World To-day," by Mr. Albert Keck of Butler. These papers were all thoroughly discussed by members of the convention. At the afternoon session "The Leaguer's Work in the Home Church" was presented under the topics: 1, "What I Can Do For the Sunday School," by C. J. Franz, M.D., of Warren; 2, "What I Can Do For the Congregation," by Miss Helena Fluegel of St. John's Church, Erie; 3, "What I Can Do For the Pastor," by Miss Emma Carlson of Renovo. As a result of these papers and the discussions which followed the subject of a Luther League pledge was brought up, and a committee was appointed to consider the question pertaining to definite obligations of individual members of our Leagues with reference to Christian culture and the activities of the Church. This committee reported at the Wednesday afternoon business session as follows: "Your committee recommends the following: 1. That the article defining the duties of the members in the constitutions of local Leagues be amended to read: The duties of members of this League shall be: *a*, Faithfully to attend the regular services of the church.

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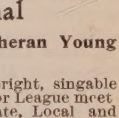

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Greensburg District

—The annual meeting of the Greensburg District Luther League was held in Trinity Church, Irwin, June 30. The opening services were conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Miller. Rev. S. K. Herbster, pastor of the church, welcomed the Leaguers, and the president, Harry E. Cope, Esq., of Greensburg, responded. The officers elected for the year are: Pres., Wm. A. Zundel; first vice-pres., Frank Walthour, Greensburg; second vice-pres., Paul Larson, Penn Station; rec. sec., Miss Anna Strobel, West Newton; cor. sec., Miss Mary Sullenberger, Youngwood; stat. sec., W. Harry Landis, Penn Station; treas., Harry Cope, Greensburg. The delegates to the National Convention are: Harry E. Cope, Rev. Frank E. Strobel, Harry Thompson; alternates, Amelia Baugh, Lillian Miller, Anna Landis. The delegates to the State Convention in Pittsburgh in October are: Mrs. M. E. Earnest, W. A. Zundel, W. Harry Landis, Dr. A. L. Yount and Rev. I. K. Wismer. The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Gleen of Donegal. The first topic for discussion was "What Should Be the Relation of the Luther League to the Congregation?" which was opened with a strong address by W. A. Zundel, followed by a paper by Harry Thompson, president of the Latrobe League. The topic, "What Should Be the Position of the Luther League Toward Missions?" was presented in a paper by Miss Mary Sullenberger, and discussed by the ministers present. The "Relation of the Luther League to the Sunday School" was presented by Miss Grace Streicher of West Newton, in an interesting paper. "How Should the Luther League strive to reach our Young People?" was discussed by A. F. Landis and a paper read on the topic by Miss Yothers of Scottdale. The following resolutions were adopted: *Resolved*, That we approve of the effort that is being made to establish an honorary degree in connection with the Luther League Reading Course. *Resolved*, That we believe in the better observance of the Lord's Day, and would call upon every Luther Leaguer to help bring about a better observance of the day as a day of worship and service in communion with Christ. *Resolved*, That this District Luther League of Greensburg and vicinity kindly call upon the Church Councils of the congregations to which we belong to embrace the opportunity of aiding the young people in the development of our young and growing Church life as offered in our organization and as provided for in the model constitution recommended by the general bodies.

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The Junior Round Table

August, 1904

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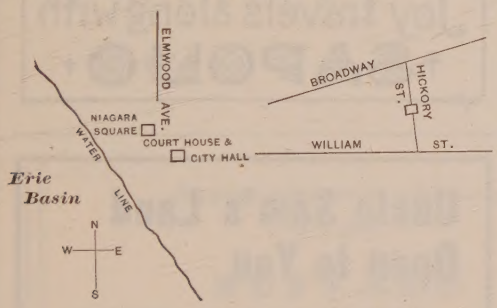

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League Notes Continued

INDIANA

— The Luther League of the Second English Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, is making an effort to supply the church with copies of the Book of Worship. For the benefit of the fund the young people gave an ice cream social June 1, realizing a proceeds of $27.20.

ILLINOIS

— The next convention of the Luther League of Illinois will be held in Geneva, St. Charles and Batavia, September 1 to 4. The opening meeting will be held in Geneva, Thursday evening. A splendid programme has been prepared. Judge Groscup, Dr. Peschau and other prominent speakers have been invited to address the convention. We trust that every district and local League will send its full quota of delegates. The Fox River Valley North is a very central location for a convention. We look for a large attendance. All duly elected delegates should send their credentials to the State secretary, Miss Kate Lindseth, 772 N. Fairfield avenue, Chicago, not later than August 20. CARL CHRISTENSON, President.

COLORADO

— In accordance with the invitation extended by the Luther League of Augustana Church of Denver, the second annual convention of the State Luther League of Colorado will be held at Denver, September 4 and 5 in Augustana Church, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, pastor.

All societies connected with Lutheran churches in the State are entitled to representation, and all are most cordially invited to send delegates.

We would also extend a hearty invitation to all Lutheran pastors and others interested, to attend and make the convention a success.

An interesting programme has been outlined, and it is expected there will be some excellent speakers present, but full information in regard to the programme will soon be sent to all societies.

Delegates and others may take advantage of the reduced railroad fare offered on account of Labor Day. The Entertainment Committee of the local League will look after the welfare of the visitors.

OREGON

Columbia District

— Columbia District League has elected the following delegates and alternates to the National Convention at Buffalo: Delegates, W. S. T. Derr of St. Paul's, Vancouver; Miss Anna Stubeing, The Zion, The Dalles; Miss Lulu Wickline, St. James, Portland. Alternates, Rev. J. A. Lear, St. James, Portland; Rev. Wm. Brenner, The Zion, The Dalles; Mrs. W. W. Deininger, St. James, Portland. Individual Leagues did not elect delegates.

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